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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] DD/P

SUBJECT : United States NATO Alert Procedures

- REFERENCES : (a) National Security Action Memorandum No. 154, from the President of the United States to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of Central Intelligence, dated 19 May 1962, Subject: U. S. NATO Alert Procedures (TS #173207)
- (b) Action Memorandum No. B-10 from the Office of the Director to DD/I, dated 22 May 1962
- (c) NSC No. 6027, dated 30 December 1960, Subject: Channels for Transmission of Warning of Attack
- (d) Letter to the Honorable Carlisle P. Runge, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) from the Deputy Director (Support), dated 20 April 1962, designating the CIA Watch Office as the direct point of contact for notification of SACEUR and SACLANF Alert Conditions

1. My responsibilities and interests in the subject matter encompassed by the four references cited above relate to the receipt of information, from authorized sources and channels, of impending or probable enemy attack, and the dissemination of same internally, to the end that continuity of function and mission will be maintained continuously by the headquarters of this Agency.

2. As part of this responsibility, I represent our Agency on the NSC Special Committee on Attack Warning Channels and Procedures for Civilians, which meets in the White House on call of its Chairman for the purpose of maintaining continuing scrutiny on the means by which information of this type is translated into action. The system currently in force for this purpose was approved by the President on 18 January 1961. It incorporated the Defense Readiness Conditions, previously developed by the Department of Defense, into the standing procedures.

3. Acting in concert with your office, I have also been coordinating the position of this Agency on the standing alert procedures of SACEUR and SACLANF, as same have been submitted to us for consideration from time to time by the Secretary of Defense, acting as United States agent for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. You will recall that earlier this year it was agreed mutually that your office would assume the role of prime focal point on SACLANF, SACEUR, and NATO alert matters, and would continue

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to work in coordination with me on same as in the past.

4. In terms of the responsibilities described above, it appears to me that the review of NSC 6027 called for in the 4th paragraph of reference (a) should be worked out in consonance with the current NSC Attack Warning Channels Procedure. I am prepared to meet with your representatives and those of the Deputy Director (Intelligence) to accomplish this requirement.

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